

RECOGNIZING THE RICHARD ENGLISH, JR., PRESIDENT OF THE COMMUNITY ACTION FOR IMPROVEMENT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

HON. BOB BARR

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 7, 2001

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, on August 3, 2001, the Community Action For Improvement, Inc. Central Administrative Office in LaGrange, Georgia, will be dedicated in honor of Richard English, Jr., President of the Community Action for Improvement (CAFI) Board of Trustees.

The CAFI Board of Trustees voted unanimously on November 4, 1999, to name the Central Administrative office after Mr. English, in recognition of his many years of service to the agency. He has been a member of the Board for over 24 years.

Mr. English's life has been dedicated to public service. A U.S. Army veteran, he was elected to the Troup County Board of Commissioners in 1978, and has served in this capacity for 23 years. He has volunteered for numerous boards in the communities CAFI serves as well as state and national organizations.

He has volunteered in virtually every capacity at CAFI during his tenure, from bagging and carrying groceries to the car for elderly persons participating in the USDA Surplus Commodities Program, to repairing homes in the Weatherization Program.

Mr. English's leadership has been steady throughout his 22 years as president of the Board of Trustees. He has helped to steer the agency through the changes and modifications to programs and services that have occurred at the federal, state and local levels during his tenure.

I know many citizens from all walks of life will join me in recognizing Richard English, Jr., as a true and valued servant to both the people of Georgia and this country.

TRIBUTE TO ADELANTE EAGLE AWARD RECIPIENT AMORY RAMIREZ

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 7, 2001

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to salute Amory Ramirez, a recipient of the 2001 Adelante Eagle Award.

Adelante and the California Migrant Leadership Council is dedicated to empowering the Latino community in California by developing opportunities in education, economic development and the political process.

The Adelante Eagle Award is presented annually to individuals who have made a commitment to California and have made positive contributions to the betterment of our community.

Past Eagle Award recipients include Congressman JOE BACA, Congresswoman GRACE NAPOLITANO, Educators Mario Muñiz, Carolyn and Jim Bartleson, Jim White, Business persons Mary Lou Gomez and Maria Dolores Andrade, just to name a few.

Amory Ramirez serves as the Executive Director of Quality Children's Services (QCS). Prior to leading QCS, Amory's professional experience began with the Encinitas Union School District where she served from 1975 to 1990. Her positions included Bilingual Community Aide, Migrant Statistical Aide, Preschool Teacher, and Center Director. Amory served as President of the California School Employees Association (CSEA) for six years. During her 15 years of service in Encinitas she was known as an advocate for children, migrant families, employees and community issues.

In 1990 Amory accepted the position of Associate Program Director with the YMCA of East Bay. Ms. Ramirez supervised two Child Development Centers and five after school child care programs and managed a budget of over \$1 million. After two years of proven leadership, Amory Ramirez was promoted to Manager of the Child Development Department and was responsible for 12 childcare sites. By 1998 Ms. Ramirez's department was responsible for 43 sites located throughout the counties of Alameda, Butte, Contra Costa, Fresno, Los Angeles, Placer, Sacramento, Santa Clara and Yolo and managed a budget of over \$7 million.

Amory received recognition for her leadership skills, fiscal management, staff development, outstanding teamwork and quality child development programs from the YMCA of the East Bay and the California Department of Education.

In 1998 Amory and four colleagues had a dream to establish a non-profit organization that would provide quality services for children and families and empower child development staff while maintaining a fiscally sound program. This dream came true with the formation of Quality Children's Services.

Since 1998, QCS has operated the Encinitas Migrant Child Development Center serving 72 infants, toddlers and preschool age migrant children. Within two years QCS added five afterschool programs in collaboration with the Encinitas, Poway, and Oceanside School Districts serving over 450 students. In 2001 QCS in partnership with SELECO-WIB of Los Angeles and the Madera Coalition for Community Justice will be establishing five additional State Preschool Programs and Child Development Centers. Under Ms. Amory's leadership, QCS has begun the development of Casa de Niños in Oceanside, California, which will serve 112 preschool children.

Ms. Amory Ramirez is also serving as the Associate Executive Director with the Redlands YMCA and is utilizing her area of expertise to develop strong kids, strong families and a strong community.

For all she has done on behalf of the Latino community, we salute Amory Ramirez.

IN HONOR OF ABDUL-NASSER ADJEI, M.D.

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 7, 2001

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Dr. Abdul-Nasser Adjei for his commitment to promoting health education and care in the Ghanaian migrant community in New York City.

Dr. Adjei is also the proud husband of Memuna and father of two loving children, Melda and Nasser Jr.

Abdul-Nasser Adjei was born and raised in Ghana, West Africa. While completing his preliminary education, in his native country, he earned an academic scholarship to study medicine in Turkey at the Hacettepe University Medical School. After graduating from medical school, Dr. Adjei migrated to the United States where he continued his education. Dr. Adjei did his residency training at the College of Physicians and Surgeons and Harlem Hospital Center. While there, he specialized in internal medicine with a sub-specialty in cardiology. He then moved to SUNY Downstate to continue his fellowship in cardiovascular medicine.

Dr. Adjei is currently part of a fellowship in cardiovascular medicine at SUNY Downstate Medical Center in Brooklyn, New York; he strives to keep his patients in good health while educating them about their health. In his endeavors to better his patients, Dr. Adjei is under the leadership of Dr. Luther Clark.

As the President of the New York area Gona Association of North America (GANA), Abdul-Nasser Adjei has dedicated the last five years of his life to promoting good health and education for the Ghanaian community. The GANA is a nonprofit organization aimed at improving the lives of Ghanaians both in Ghana and abroad through sponsorship for education and health. The organization has established a scholarship fund for education of indigent children.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Abdul-Nasser Adjei has devoted his life to educating his community. As such, he is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today. I hope that all of my colleagues will join me in honoring this truly hard-working man.

AIDS EPIDEMIC

SPEECH OF

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2001

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, this year, we acknowledge the 20th anniversary of the recognition of the virus which has come to be called HIV/AIDS. Twenty years ago we called it GRID—Gay Related Immune Disease. Based on that designation and the politicization of the disease, this country spent the first 10 years blaming the victims and denying the necessity for concerted action.

And while we debated, in the U.S. 400,000 people have died and more than a million have been infected. However, not only citizens in the U.S. have suffered. HIV has claimed the lives of more than 21 million people worldwide, with Sub-Saharan Africa representing the greatest number of victims.

But we have managed some progress in the last twenty years. We have medications that have demonstrated some success in stemming the suffering and prolonging lives. We have come to learn about the progression of the disease and the link between malnutrition, poverty and the progression of opportunistic infections. And we have managed to teach people in all walks of life about the methods of transmission and prevention. So twenty